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Inventors: Jih-Hua Liu <i>et al.</i>)	
Applicants: Abbott Laboratories)	Group Art Unit:
Filed: March 22, 2004)	1623
In re Reissue Application)	
of U. S. Patent No. 5,872,229)	
For: Process for 6-O-Alkylation of)	Examiner:
Erythromycin Derivatives)	Elli Peselev

AMENDMENT, RESPONSE, AND STATUS OF CLAIMS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Madam:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in the non-final office mailed March 31, 2005. This response is being filed prior to the non-statutory deadline of July 1, 2005, so Applicants believe that no petition to extend the time to respond is required. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0633. Applicants acknowledge the examiner's courtesy in extending Applicants an interview on June 21, 2005.

There is currently no litigation, interference, other reissue, or reexamination proceeding concerning the original patent U.S. Patent No. 5,872,229. There is ongoing litigation concerning unrelated patents concerning clarithromycin. Applicants have provided an Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this Amendment and Response that provides a court's decision to issue a preliminary injunction concerning certain clarithromycin patents. This